



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5621

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning School Bus Contracts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Purchasing agent" means any official of the state or any political
3 subdivision thereof authorized to negotiate or enter into a student
4 transportation contract or agreement on behalf of the state or political
5 subdivision thereof;

6 (2) "Nonmanagement employees" means school bus drivers, school
7 bus monitors, school bus mechanics and school bus dispatchers; and

8 (3) "Economic aspects" means wages and benefits provided by the
9 incumbent school transportation contractor to its nonmanagement
10 employees, including, but not limited to, health care insurance and
11 pensions.

12 (b) On or after the effective date of this act, whenever the state or
13 any political subdivision thereof lets a contract for the purposes of
14 transporting students, the purchasing agent shall identify all economic
15 aspects of compensation paid to nonmanagement employees of the
16 incumbent employer. Such aspects of compensation shall be included
17 in the request for proposals distributed to all interested bidders. The
18 successor contractor shall be required to offer employment to the
19 incumbent nonmanagement employees at a level of wages and benefits

20 no less than the level provided by the predecessor contractor.

21 (c) If a school transportation contractor is a party to a collective
22 bargaining agreement with its nonmanagement employees, the state or
23 any political subdivision thereof shall honor such contractual rights
24 agreed to by the school transportation contractor and the bargaining
25 unit.

PD Committee Vote: Yea 11 Nay 5 JFS C/R ED

ED Committee Vote: Yea 16 Nay 14 JF C/R APP

APP Committee Vote: Yea 29 Nay 18 JFS-LCO

LAB Committee Vote: Yea 9 Nay 3 JF